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CHAPTER 173.

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An act to make public an old road leading from South River Church, to intersect the Annapolis road to West River.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this General Assembly by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, that the convenience of the public would be promoted by opening and establishing an old road called the Club House Road, leading from South River Church to intersect the Annapolis road to West River: *Therefore,*

Commissioners—width and direction of the road.

SEC 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Colonel Richard Harwood, William Stewart and Joseph Watkins, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to lay out and open (at the expense of those persons who shall conceive themselves benefited thereby) the old road, (not exceeding twenty feet wide) beginning at the road which passes South River Church, and running until it intersects the Annapolis road leading to West River.

Plot.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall and they are hereby directed and required, to make or cause to be made, a plot of said road, and when surveyed as aforesaid, and shall make return of the said plot together with a certificate of the courses of said road to the clerk of Anne-Arundel county, to be recorded among the records of said county; and when the same shall be laid out, made and opened as directed by this act, the said road shall forever thereafter be deemed a public highway, and shall be kept in repair as other public roads of Anne-Arundel county: *Provided,* The said commissioners shall not lay out and open the said road through the buildings, gardens, orchards or meadows of any person or persons without their consent.

Proviso.

Damages.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value what damage may be sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, and the same when so ascertained shall be paid, or secured to be paid, by the persons who may apply to have the said road laid out, to the person or persons who may be entitled to receive the same, before they proceed to open the said road.